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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
(SIA) STUDY DIRECTOR: VAN SAUN

REF: (A) STATE 154921, (B) TOKYO 10853

1. SUMMARY: SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (SIA)
REPRESENTATIVE VAN SAUN MET WITH EMBOFFS JULY 3 TO
DISCUSS PROPOSED MEETINGS WITH GOJ TO SOLICIT JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY SUPPORT FOR BROAD BASED FACT-
FINDING USITC STUDY OF THE SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY.

END SUMMARY.

2. VAN SAUN NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED ITC STUDY HAS
CONSIDERABLE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT,
WHICH WOULD BE REFLECTED IN A JOINT CONGRESSIONAL
RESOLUTION (PROBABLY TO EMERGE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST)
WITH MANDATE FOR ITC TO CARRY OUT THE STUDY. (EMBASSY
WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON STATUS OF JOINT
RESOLUTION ASAP.) SOME RELATIONSHIP TO BE DETERMINED
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WOULD BE RETAINED WITH TRADE STUDY GROUP.

3. VAN SAUN EXPLAINED THE PURPOSE OF THE ITC STUDY AS
AN OBJECTIVE PRESENTATION OF THE STATE OF THE WORLD
SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY WHICH WOULD SERVE AS THE BASIS
FOR A NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL POLICY FOR SEMICONDUCTORS.
VAN SAUN NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF THE CENTRAL ROLE OF THE

SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY IN ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIES,
THE NEW NATIONAL POLICY FOR SEMICONDUCTORS MIGHT BE
THE CENTRAL FOCUS OF A NEW U.S. NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL
POLICY. THIS NEW NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL POLICY WOULD,
VAN SAUN CONCLUDED, CORRECT THE SERIOUS OMISSION OF
BUSINESS OR ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS IN U.S. FOREIGN
POLICY SINCE WORLD WAR II.

4. IN RESPONSE, EMBOFFS NOTED THAT WE STRONGLY SUSPECTED
GOJ OFFICIALS WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO COOPERATE WITHOUT
CLARIFICATION OF PURPOSE, PARTICIPANTS, INFORMATION
REQUIRED, AND ULTIMATE USE OF PROPOSED STUDY. VAN SAUN
SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND WAS READY TO PROVIDE GOJ WITH
FULL PARTICULARS. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR
OFFER OF ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE. HIS FIRST MEETING WITH
MITI (KOBAYASHI, KAWASAKI, ET AL) IS SET FOR JULY 6.

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